

Opportunity to Comment

The Forest Service, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has completed a draft decision memo for the Aminopyralid Plan Amendment. The proposed action would amend the standards and guidelines of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan by adding aminopyralid to the list of herbicide active ingredients available for treating invasive plants (Standard #16 from the 2005 Region 6 Record of Decision for invasive plant management). This amendment would entail a minor modification to the invasive plant program; it will not authorize the use of this herbicide, but will authorize its consideration for use in future projects, following site-specific NEPA analysis.

The draft decision memo and other information are available for review at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51119>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Sitka Pence, sitkapence@fs.fed.us, or 541-426-5689.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 219 Subpart B.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §219.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Baker Herald. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: Forest Supervisor Tom Montoya, 1550 Dewey Avenue, Suite A, Baker City, OR 97814 office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to sitkapence@fs.fed.us. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.